

# Memorandum



**Date:** October 12, 2005

**To:** Diane O'Quinn-Williams, Director  
Department of Planning and Zoning

**From:** Jose Gonzalez, P.E., Assistant Director  
Environmental Resources Management

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**Subject:** C-14 #Z2005000267  
Newforest Landscaping, Inc.  
E/S of SW 194<sup>th</sup> Avenue and S/O SW 312<sup>th</sup> Street  
District Boundary Change from AU to EU-S  
(AU) (5 Ac.)  
14-57-38

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The Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) has reviewed the subject application and has determined that it meets the minimum requirements of Chapter 24 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Florida (the Code). Accordingly, DERM may approve the application, and the same may be scheduled for public hearing.

Water Supply:

The closest public water main is a 12-inch main from the City of Homestead, located approximately 1,260 feet from the site. Based on the proposed request, the subject property is within a feasible distance for connection to public water; therefore, DERM shall require connection to the public water supply system.

Existing public water facilities and services meet the Level of Service (LOS) standards set forth in the Comprehensive Development Master Plan (CDMP). Furthermore, the proposed development order, if approved, will not result in a reduction in the LOS standards subject to compliance with the conditions stipulated by DERM for this proposed development order.

Wastewater Disposal:

The closest public sanitary sewer is a gravity network from the City of Homestead located approximately 1,832 feet from the site, beyond the calculated feasible distance for connection to the public sanitary sewer system. Therefore, DERM would not object to the interim use of septic tanks and drainfield systems as a means for the disposal of the domestic liquid waste provided that the site is connected to the public water supply system and the proposed development meets the sewage loading requirements of Section 24-43.1(3) of the Code. Based upon the available information the proposal meets said requirements. Accordingly, DERM may approve the application and it may be scheduled for public hearing.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the applicant is advised that the provisions of the Code are applicable throughout the development process, and for this reason if at the time of platting or building permit process it is determined by DERM that the site is within feasible distance for connection to public sanitary sewers as define in the Code, connection will be required.

Existing public sanitary sewer facilities and services meet the LOS standards set forth in the CDMP. Furthermore, the proposed development order, if approved, will not result in a reduction in the LOS standards subject to compliance with the conditions required by DERM for this proposed development order.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in light of the fact that the County's sanitary sewer system has limited sewer collection, transmission, and treatment capacity, no new sewer service connections can be permitted, unless there is adequate capacity to handle the additional flows that this project would generate. Consequently, final development orders for this site may not be granted if adequate capacity in the system is not available at the point in time when the project will be contributing sewage to the system. Lack of adequate capacity in the system may require the approval of alternative means of sewage disposal. Use of an alternative means of sewage disposal may only be granted in accordance with Code requirements, and shall be an interim measure, with connection to the public sanitary sewer system required upon availability of adequate collection/transmission and treatment capacity.

Stormwater Management:

A Surface Water Management General Permit from DERM shall be required for the construction and operation of the required surface water management system. This permit shall be obtained prior to site development, final plat or public works approval of paving and drainage plans. The applicant is advised to contact DERM for further information regarding permitting procedures and requirements.

All stormwater shall be retained on site utilizing properly designed seepage or infiltration drainage structures. Drainage must be provided for the 5-year/1-day storm event with full on-site retention of the 25-year/3-day storm. Pollution Control devices shall be required at all drainage inlet structures.

Site grading and development shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 11C of the Code.

Any proposed development shall comply with County and Federal flood criteria requirements. The proposed development order, if approved, will not result in a reduction in the LOS standards for flood protection set forth in the CDMP subject to compliance with the conditions required by DERM for this proposed development order.

Wetlands:

The subject property does not contain jurisdictional wetlands as defined by Section 24-5 of the Code; therefore, a Class IV Wetland Permit will not be required.

The applicant is advised that permits from the Army Corps of Engineers (305-526-7181), the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (561-681-6600) and the South Florida Water Management District (1-800-432-2045) may be required for the proposed project. It is the applicant's responsibility to contact these agencies.

Tree Preservation:

The subject property contains specimen-sized (trunk diameter  $\geq$  18 inches) trees. Section 24-49 of the Code requires the preservation of tree resources. Consequently, DERM will require the preservation of all the specimen-sized trees, as defined in the Code, on the site. A Miami-Dade County tree removal permit shall be required prior to the removal or relocation of any trees. A tree survey showing all the tree resources on site will be required prior to reviewing the tree removal permit application. The applicant is advised to contact DERM staff for permitting procedures and requirements prior to development of site and landscaping plans.

Enforcement History:

DERM has reviewed the Permits and Enforcement database and the Enforcement Case Tracking System and has found no open or closed formal enforcement records for the subject properties identified in the subject application.

Concurrency Review Summary:

DERM has conducted a concurrency review for this application and has determined that the same meets all applicable LOS standards for an initial development order, as specified in the adopted CDMP for potable water supply, wastewater disposal and flood protection. Therefore, the application has been approved for concurrency subject to the comments and conditions contained herein.

This concurrency approval does not constitute a final concurrency statement and is valid only for this initial development order as provided for in the adopted methodology for concurrency review. Additionally, this approval does not constitute any assurance that the LOS standards would be met by any subsequent development order applications concerning the subject property.

In summary, the application meets the minimum requirements of Chapter 24 of the Code and therefore, it may be scheduled for public hearing; furthermore, this memorandum shall constitute DERM's written approval to that effect as required by the Code.

cc: Lynne Talleda, Zoning Evaluation- P&Z  
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